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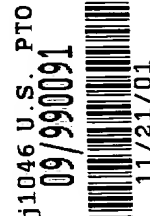
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Presented for filing is a new **Continuation** patent application of:

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Title: **METHODS FOR PRODUCING LIBRARIES OF EXPRESSIBLE GENE SEQUENCES**

The prior application is assigned of record to INVITROGEN CORPORATION, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on July 20, 1998, at Reel 9442, Frame 0493.

Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR § 1.53(b):

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## Enclosures:

- Copy of Petition for Extension of Time for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/843,281 (2 pages);
- Copy of Petition Requesting Processing and Retention of Patent Application Under 37 CFR § 1.53(f); (3 pages);
- Application Data Sheet (4 pages); and
- Return Receipt Postcard.

This application is a **continuation** and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC § 120 of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/843,281, filed April 25, 2001; which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/647,651, filed October 2, 2000; which is a U.S. National application under § 371 of PCT patent Application No. US99/07270, filed April 2, 1999; which is based on U.S. patent Application Serial No. 09/054,936, filed April 3, 1998. The disclosure of the prior applications is considered part of and is incorporated by reference in the disclosure of this application.

Preliminarily, on page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert:

-- This is a **continuation** of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/843,281, filed April 25, 2001; which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/647,651, filed October 2, 2000; which is a U.S. National application under § 371 of PCT patent Application No. US99/07270, filed April 2, 1999; which is based on U.S. patent Application Serial No. 09/054,936, filed April 3, 1998. The disclosure of the prior applications is considered part of and is incorporated by reference in the disclosure of this application.--

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